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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A building construction material ~~for covering a wide, rigid surface of a home or building, the material being in the form of~~ comprising a flexible laminate having

a fastening side comprising a sheet-form fastener component with hook-engageable loops defined by a knit or non-woven web material having a basis weight of less than about 4 ounces per square yard, and

an opposite side formed by a sheet of paper laminated to the fastener component, the paper such that the laminate has significantly greater stiffness stiffening the web material against stretching in the a plane of the laminate than the knit or non woven web material without the sheet of paper, yet is while the laminate remains sufficiently flexible to be rolled up for storage and transport.

2. (Previously Presented) The material of claim 1 wherein the sheet-form fastener component is in a laterally stretched condition as laminated to the paper.

3. (Previously Presented) The material of claim 1 wherein the paper has a lateral stiffness at least as great as that of 85 pound Kraft paper.

4-9. (Canceled)

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10. (Previously Presented) The material of claim 1 wherein the web material comprises a non-woven web of entangled fibers, the fibers forming a sheet-form web body stabilized in a condition of at least about 50 percent areal stretch.

11. (Previously Presented) The material of claim 1 wherein the web material comprises a non-woven web of entangled fibers, the fibers forming a sheet-form web body stabilized in a condition of at least about 20 percent areal stretch, in which hook-engageable loops extend in clusters from tightened entanglements within the web body, the entanglements being joined together by straightened fibers, at least some of the fibers having a fiber denier of less than 3.

12. (Previously Presented) The material of claim 1 wherein the web material comprises a non-woven web of entangled fibers and includes a binder resin anchoring hook-engageable fibers or yarns and constituting between about 20 percent and 40 percent of the weight of the material.

13-15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) The material of claim 1 in roll form, with the fastening side directed inwardly.

17. (Previously Presented) The material of claim 1 wherein the paper has an exposed surface suitable for printing or writing thereupon.

18. (Previously Presented) A method of securing an object over a broad, rigid surface of a home or building, the method comprising

placing a female touch fastening material against the broad surface, the material being in the form of a flexible laminate having a fastening side comprising a sheet-form fastener component with hook-engageable loops defined by a knit or non-woven web material having a basis weight of less than about 4 ounces per square yard, and an opposite side formed by a sheet

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of paper laminated to the fastener component to increase the dimensional stability of the fastener component;

providing a complementary hook fastener component on the object to be secured; and  
then

placing the object against the female touch fastening material to releasably secure the object in place.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the broad surface is a subfloor, and the object is a discrete piece of flooring to be secured to the subfloor.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the female touch fastening material and the complementary hook fastener component are selected to provide a backlash between adjacent pieces of flooring, when one of the adjacent pieces is subjected to a separating load of 10 pounds, of less than about 0.020 inch, preferably less than about 0.015 inch.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the backlash is at least 0.001 inch.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the female touch fastening material is in a laterally stretched condition as laminated to the paper.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the paper has a lateral stiffness at least as great as that of 85 pound Kraft paper.

24-28 (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the web material comprises a non-woven web of entangled fibers and includes a binder resin anchoring hook-engageable fibers

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or yarns and constituting between about 20 percent and 40 percent of the weight of the web material.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 including unrolling the female touch fastening material directly onto the broad surface.